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EXHIBIT NO. 3

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BILL NO. SB 210

DATE: November 11, 2008
TO: Senator Dave Wanzonried
FROM: Jon Moe, Fiscal Specialist
RE: Questions on History of HJR 2

This is prepared in response to your questions concerning HJR 2. First you want to know how far through the bill process that the HJR 2 has historically progressed, and in that, how many made it through the entire process (approved by both houses). Second, you wanted to know of any amendments to statute that impacted the revenue estimate resolution.

1) First, I was able to track the resolution back to 1989, as it does not appear to have been the vehicle prior to that time. And incidentally, it was not always "HJR 2" but that is not important to the questions. Here is the history:

<u>Session</u>	<u>Final Status</u>
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For 1989 through 1997, the source is the session laws and session history

1989	Passed April 21
1991	Approved April 16
1993	Adopted April 24
1995	Adopted April 7
1997	Adopted April 2

Although the terminology varies, the terms passed, approved and adopted in this context all mean the same thing. In each case, the resolution was ultimately adopted by both houses.

For 1999 through 2007, the source is the LAWS system

1999	Passed both houses April 21 after going through conference committee
2001	House concurred with Senate amendments on April 18
2003	House concurred with Senate amendments on April 23
2005	House concurrence of Senate amendments failed (50-50 vote) and it "died in process"
2007	The resolution never got out of House Taxation Committee - "died in committee"